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SUBJECT : PRESIDENTIAL VISIT - SEPARATE SCHEDULE ITEMS
FOR SECRETARY VANCE

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1. IT IS DIFFICULT TO DEVELOP SUGGESTIONS FOR THE SECRETARY'S PROGRAM IN RIO WITHOUT SOME IDEA OF WHAT RELATIONSHIP HE WANTS TO MAINTAIN WITH PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM AND OF WHAT HIS OBJECTIVES IN RIO MIGHT BE. HOWEVER, FOLLOWING ARE SOME OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

2. FIRST: SECRETARY'S RIO STOP PROVIDES THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY FOR CONTACT BETWEEN THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY AND MEMBERS OF THE US BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN BRAZIL. (THERE HAS ALREADY BEEN SOME MINOR CHAFING HERE AT THE SEEMING EXCLUSION OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY FROM THE VISIT.) IF THE SECRETARY IS AMENABLE, WE WOULD PROPOSE AS ONE OPTION A SMALL MEETING WITH A HALF DOZEN OFFICERS OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF
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COMMERCE EITHER OVER DRINKS AT THE SECRETARY'S SUITE AT HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL AT ABOUT 1830 HOURS OR ALTERNATIVELY DURING AN AFTERNOON BOAT EXCURSION IN THE BAY OF GUANABARA. (THE MEETING COULD ALSO INCLUDE TWO OR THREE EXECUTIVES FROM THE SAO PAULO CHAMBER.) ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE THAT SUCH A MEETING COULD BE ONLY marginally USEFUL TO THE SECRETARY IN OBTAINING FIRST-HAND VIEWS OF AMERICAN BUSINESS-

MEN OVERSEAS, THE GESTURE WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED BY THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY AT LARGE. WIVES COULD BE INCLUDED OR NOT ACCORDING TO DESIRES OF SECRETARY AND MRS VANCE.

3. SECOND: ANOTHER OPTION IS A SMALL MEETING AT HOTEL SUITE OF TYPE DESCRIBED ABOVE, WITH A REPRESENTATIVE SELECTION OF BRAZILIAN INTELLECTUALS, BUSINESS LEADERS AND OTHERS INTERESTED IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS. SUCH A MEETING WOULD PROVIDE THE SECRETARY WITH NON-OFFICIAL BRAZILIAN INSIGHT INTO VARIOUS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND CONCERN.

4. THIRD: RECREATIONAL POSSIBILITIES SUCH AS SIGHTSEEING AND TENNIS WERE DISCUSSED IN RIO 1154 RELATING TO MRS VANCE'S SCHEDULE. PURELY RECREATIONAL BOAT TRIP WOULD ALSO BE A POSSIBILITY.

5. SOME OF SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES FOR SECRETARY COULD INCLUDE OTHER MEMBERS OF PRESIDENTIAL PARTY (E.G., DR BRZEZINSKI AND AMBASSADOR TODMAN) OR MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE FOR THEM SEPARATELY.

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